Auction of shares of PSUs

*151. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of shares of the six PSUs which were auctioned recently;

(b) what was the estimated amount mobilised from the sale of the shares of these PSUs and the amount targeted; and

(c) the steps taken to make up the deficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) 1367.585 lakh shares of six PSUs were offered for sale in January 1995. It is estimated that a sum of Rs. 388.66 crores (approximate) would be mobilised by sale of 458.20 lakh share of five PSUs. No target amount is fixed for individual round of disinvestment.

(c) Does not arise.

Paris Convention for protection of IPRs

*152. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI K. M. KHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) has urged India to become a signatory to the Paris Convention for International Agreement for Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs);

(b) if so, the salient features of the final draft; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The Paris Convention is a Multilateral Treaty for the Protection of Industrial Property Rights relating to patents, trade marks, industrial designs, etc. As the treaty is administered by World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) they have on some occasions in the past pointed out the advantages which will be available to India on acceeding to the Convention. However, no decisions have been taken on the issue.

Amount approved and invested by foreign investors

*153. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount approved and invested by foreign investors including NRIs in the country so far, State-wise;

(b) the share of Non-Resident Indians in this investment;

(c) the incentives given or being given to the foreign investors for establishing industry in the country; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to attract more foreign investment particularly in the States having more poential in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Details of foreign direct investment (including NRIs) approved and invested in the country during the period from